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1. TO RESPOND TO PARA 3 OF REFTEL, MISOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH WHO LEGAL OFFICE ON APRIL 18. CONCLUSION IS THAT IN EVENT ARAB COUNTRIES CALL FOR ARTICLE 7 TO BE APPLIED AGAINST ISRAEL, IT DOES NOT APPEAR POSSIBLE TO ESTABLISH AND UPHOLD REQUIREMENT FOR 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE ON THIS ISSUE, AS SUGGESTED BY REFTEL.

2. WHO LEGAL OFFICE GAVE FOLLOWING EXPLANATION: IF ARAB COUNTRIES TRY TO IMPOSE ARTICLE 7 AGAINST ISRAEL, USDEL COULD THEN INTRODUCE RESOLUTION REQUESTING MATTER BE TREATED AS "IMPORTANT QUESTION", REQUIRING 2/3 MAJORITY VOTE. BUT IF US RESOLUTION WERE DEFEATED ON BASIS WHA WERE NOT TO CONSIDER MATTER "IMPORTANT QUESTION", IT WOULD THEN TAKE ONLY SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE TO APPLY ARTICLE 7 AGAINST ISRAEL.

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3. WHO LEGAL OFFICER REFERRED TO PRECEDENT SOME TEN YEARS AGO

WHEN US INTRODUCED SIMILAR RESOLUTION INVOLVING SOUTH AFRICA,
WHICH WAS DEFEATED; BUT HE REMARKED THERE IS ALWAYS POSSIBILITY
US WOULD NOT BE DEFEATED ON ISRAELI ISSUE.DALE

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